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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Robert J. McCarry, Jr.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Buhler (US 4,979,247).

Buhler discloses a machine for treating a track comprised of a first machine frame having an undercarriage for mobility on a track and a second machine frame having undercarriages for mobility on a track. The Examiner is relying on figure 6 for most of the description. The first machine frame 26 is on the right side of figure 6 and is shown to have wheel sets mounted on axles 27. The second machine frame is on the left side of figure 6 and is shown to have an undercarriage with wheels 3 for movement on rails and also has an undercarriage in the form of a caterpillar track 2 for movement on ground without rails. Both undercarriages are connected to the bridge girder through the second machine frame at an end of the machine frame, as shown in figure 6. The caterpillar track undercarriage is vertically adjustable allowing for the machine frame to either ride on rails or on a surface without rails. The first machine frame also has a work cabin disposed on it, shown on the right of figure 6. While not shown it is understood that the machine frames form part of a train and that the train would have a locomotive associated with it to provide motive power for moving the train. The two machine frames

have couplings, not numbered, shown at the ends of each frame and adapted to couple the frames together. A bridge girder 18 extends in the longitudinal direction and includes lifting devices 19. The bridge girder has a first end 18a connected to the first machine frame and a second end 22 having flanged rollers adapted to connect and move along guide rails, shown in figure 5, on the second machine frame in a longitudinal direction. The flanged rollers are mounted on an auxiliary undercarriage connected to the bridge girder 18, also shown in figure 6. The second end 22 and rollers are shown on the left of figure 6 resting on the second machine frame. The bridge girder is also telescopically extendable, as shown in figure 8. According to column 3, lines 44-62, the beam 18 can be pivoted in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of travel. It is understood that a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of travel would be a substantially vertical direction.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Theurer et al (US 5,961,271), Theurer et al (US 5,778,794) and Theurer et al (US 6,422,150) all disclose types of track renewal machines.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. McCarry, Jr. whose telephone number is (703)

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305-0581. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joseph Morano can be reached on (703) 308-0230. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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